

**KIMBERTON YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE**  
**Rules of Play**  
**Softball – A Division (Ages 6 – 7)**

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**I. BATTING:**

- A. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively or not.
- B. Bunting will not be allowed.
- C. PITCHING, machine pitch will be used until 7 pm during games. In the event that an inning is started with machine pitch the full inning will end with the machine and then kids pitch will finish the rest of the game. When the girl is pitching, she will get 4 pitches per batter. If the batter is still alive the Coach or designated Adult will come in and resume the count and will throw a max of 7 pitches. At the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch the batter is either out or hits the ball. There will be no walks.
- D. Strikes will be called; 3 strikes are an out.
- E. Balls will be called but no walks will be issued.
- F. Batters must wear approved protective headgear while at bat and on base.
- G. There will be no steeling
- H. There will be a limit of 5 runs scored per inning per team.
- I. 3 outs will be enforced.

**II. FIELDING**

- A. Ten (10) players in the field at a time, Including pitcher's helper. if the designated pitcher touches the ball it is in play.
- B. Each player is expected to play at least 4 defensive innings, not playing more than 2 innings in the same position.
- C. Infielders shall play behind the baseline.
- D. Outfielders shall play at end of the grass.
- E. Free substitution is allowed providing all other criteria are met.
- F. No player shall be removed in defensive half inning unless injured or sick.

**III. GAME**

- A. No championship game will be played or trophies awarded, by KYAL, for this division. This is an instructional division designed to teach the game and sportsmanship.
- B. Starting time for all games will be as scheduled.
- C. Games are limited to one, (1), hour and fifty, (50), minutes.
- D. A regulation game is six (6) innings.
- E. Coaches will act as umpires.
- F. Players must be in complete uniforms.
- G. Throwing of equipment will not be tolerated.
- H. **Concussion Protocol**  
In the event that there is a possible concussion, both managers will get together to determine if the player should be taken out of the game. If one of the two coaches decides that the player should be taken out of the game, that player will sit out for one inning. After that one inning the coaches will determine if the player should return to play.

\*\*\* These rules are changes to the Babe Ruth Rules. If a rule is not mentioned in this document then Babe Ruth Rules apply.

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